

Ammonia Caps

Formulary

Douglas County Kansas EMS System

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Approved Provider: EMT, AEMT, Paramedic

Referenced Protocols: None

Dosing and Administration

ADULT Medications:

- 1 cap held briefly under the nose

PEDIATRIC Medications:

- Not Recommended

Pharmacology and Actions:

- Respiratory Stimulant- Aromatic spirit is a reflex stimulant that acts by causing peripheral irritation of the sensory receptors in the nasal mucous membranes, esophageal mucosa, and fundus of the stomach

Indications:

- Unconscious
- Altered mental status

Contraindications:

- Respiratory disease or impairment

Precautions:

Can cause:

- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Vomiting

Administration:

- Acceptable route of administration is inhalation.
- Inhalant should be held away from the face and not allowed to touch the skin